Discount on incremental loading

1482. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to withdraw 10 per cent surcharge on carriage of goods on mini-rakes and two point rakes in the Railways;

(b) whether his Ministry has also announced 30 per cent discount on incremental loading on empty flow trains till 2010;

(c) if so, the extent of loss that Railways are going to incur due to above two measures;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Railways is planning to lease out some terminals to companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Sir, Ministry of Railways has withdrawn 10 per cent supplementary surcharge on commodities having classification above Class 130 when transported in Mini-rakes and Two Point Rakes *w.e.f.* 20.5.2007.

(b) Sir, Ministry of Railways has announced 30 per cent freight discount on incremental earning in traditional empty flow directions under the Incentive Scheme for Traditional Empty Flow Direction. The incremental earning upto 31.3.2010 will be calculated with respect to earning in corresponding month of the year 2005-06.

(c) Sir, the above two measures were undertaken to attract more traffic and optimum utilization of railway wagons in traditional empty flow direction. Accordingly, Railways do not anticipate any loss due to these measures.

(d) No, Sir. Presently, there is no policy for leasing out railway terminals to companies.

(e) Does not arise.

CAG on overloading in wagons

†1483. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG has commented to the Railway Department regarding overloading in wagons;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CAG has observed that a danger has been posed to the security of rolling stocks, bridges imd railway tracks due to this overloading;

(c) if so, the comments of CAG in this regard and the response of Government thereto; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.